

which position take a favourable turn, position which these inquiries may

probably pass harmlessly away; but in general political excitement it would be of serious danger. It would be a complication of cases, operating from home, exercised on her foreign relations, especially as she sustains to Germany. The interests of that country cannot be without interest every individual, and the Republic, everything, even to favour the interests and goodwill of Alsace and Lorraine, is to their solicitude to obtain the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace. There is

with this end which they are not
to make. At the same time,

...that they take a very serious security measure for their protection. The bulk-militia constituting the security only there have been paid, and in troops have been withdrawn east. The greatly diminished in number, France has begun to feel the pressure of taxation. We are not by any means safe are probably only at the beginning of the political and financial disturbances. The magnitude of Prince Bismarck's must date in Europe, Germany," to believe in the hopelessness of a peace, has chosen to take a hard and bitter punishment of France in the next year. Their neighbours must suffer the

THE QUESTION IN SCOTLAND.
(Pall Mall Gazette.)
The question is being settled in some

boardship in a way more satisfactory than could be done by legislative enactment. It was suggested by Lord Eife granting the trustees an inalienable property liberty to sell the game on their farms will be still more satisfactory. His example has just been followed by the Governors of Gordon's Hospital. These trustees, a body of considerable influence, have just managed a landed estate of some 1,000 acres. At a meeting the other day adopted a resolution on the game question, and the effect was to transfer the game of the estates belonging to the institution to the tenants.

and that similar right be granted to tenants during the currency of their

the governors very properly stipulated claim could be raised against them on the ground of privilege. I was told, and also that the tenants should not sue on their terms.

AWKWARD QUESTIONS.
(*Poll Mall Gazette*)

Presbytery of Leicestershire put some questions to the Rev. Mr. Alexander of the Leigh Kirk, Kilmarcock—
1. you make a statement from the pulpit in the ordinary church-cord collections, did not know how the collections were of, and that, therefore, you never gave a receipt? 2. Did you at any time take the Low Church of Kilmarcock as a city of Paris—it was damned from of a leader—adding that you were only of the second church? 3. Did you at in the Temperance Hall sing and the singing of a song entitled "Moby Laird"? 4. Did you at any of your leading entertainments in the Temperance Hall speak of the conversion of the devil, and laughter and merriment and expression was severely commented upon in public press at the time? 5. Did you and your colleague, Mr. Hamilton, that what the gospel had been preached that which; that which will preach compare and get—had the sceptics to and hear me?" 6. Did you in the pulpit that "God was the author

Q. Did you introduce instrumental
into the service of the church of the
day without consulting your colleagues.

...without consulting the
...or congregation, and continue the use
...music even after the kirk session had
...ed you to desist from using it?
...meeting of the Presbytery the re-
...gentleman accused of these mis-
...failed to appear to answer the

appointed to report on the case recom-
d that he should be censured, and enjoined

he goes forward more circumspect in his
t. The consideration of the matter was
postponed, and it is terrible to reflect
the meantime the cause of all this an-
may be hard at work attempting to con-
e devil, and at the same time enlivening
ak by occasional snatches of the song
and "Tibby and the Laird."

SUMMARIES OF NEWS FROM THE
HONG KONG PAPERS

(From the Daily News.)
SATURDAY, Oct. 7th.
doubted by the civil authorities at Guild-
whether the inability, through illness,
Richard Young to assume the duties of
privately has not rendered his election
There is a precedent, however, for the

memorial to the late Charles Dickens, who
at Bournemouth is to be raised in that

Various Harcourt, M.P., yesterday read a paper at the Social Science Congress, an which was limited on the subject of the importance of the present times. In the Health Department several papers were read, showing the importance of sanitary improvements in the present times. The feelings of the Congress were fostered in the topic of the improvement in the section devoted to the topic. The repression of crime also occurred. The attention of the Congress was drawn to the announcement in the *London Gazette*, that Sir John Sidgreaves has been appointed Justice of the Straits Settlements, and Sir G. G. Olston, Queen's Advocate for Sierra Leone, in connection with the proposition for the settlement of the maritime strike is now before the contending parties. It is suggested that the principle of the "eight hours' day" should be extended by the Government to the section of the population until the existing contracts have been completed or so far advanced as to secure employers from any greater loss than they will suffer if all their employees were to be dismissed in the present condition of affairs. In respect to the bar of silver offered by the Newcastle Miners' League, on condition of the getting the bar of silver, the Secretary writes

the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "with
it would be neither regular nor conveni-

for Mr. Gladstone to interfere." "It is not to be an issue," the production of 5 million dollars in wages of the Burnley Cotton workers, on account of the prevailing depression in that trade.

Before the Missouri Conference at Merthyr Tydfil yesterday, a resolution was passed in favor of establishing a guarantee fund to pay the election expenses of one or more "pro-tem" candidates, and of their maintaining a similar fund should they be elected members of the House of Commons.

A drunken fellow was convicted at the Merthyr Tydfil Police-court yesterday of disorderly conduct, and fined 10s. for "drinking out of one of the barrels and with a train of fifty yard of them, two railway officials greatly distressed in getting the defendant to stop, and to get out of the way of the tank, where he liked." The magistrate, however, assured him that he could not, and fined 40s.

George, one of the stipendiary magistrates, Greenwich, had before him yesterday a charge of libel against a local bookseller named Page, founded upon his having sold the "Complexion" of the "Complexion" of the "Complexion." After the evidence had been given, worship was compelled to adjourn the hear-

Our Correspondent at Rome telegraphs that

about in the Gare d'Orsay, where, there, M. d'Harcourt, to Paris to obtain M. Thiers instructions respecting the situation of French Bishops. His Holiness insisted on combating both himself, and representative of France has protested against that assumption of authority. The new Spanish Cabinet held their first meeting yesterday evening to decide upon their programme. They resolved to continue the economic measures commenced by the Llorca Ministry, and, as a first step, to reduce their own salaries. I

